

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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OPTICAL FIBERS, OPTICAL FIBER  
CONNECTION STRUCTURE, AND  
OPTICAL FIBER CONNECTING  
METHOD  
Examiner : Hoang Q. Tran  
Art Unit : 2874

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